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## RESPONSE TO AN OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

## Madam/Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to an Office Action, mailed February 11, 2009, in the above-identified application. A petition for a three-month extension for filing a response accompanies this paper, along with the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3), making the extended deadline for filing August 11, 2009.

No other fee is believed to be due in this application, however, to avoid abandonment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee required for this response to Deposit Account No. 50-0268.

Applicants' Remarks follow on page 2.